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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Les Farnsworth, District Supervisor
Petroglyph Operating Company, Inc.
4116 W 3000 S Ioka Lane
P.O. Box 607
Roosevelt, Utah 84066

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC)
Notice of Violation:
Loss of Mechanical Integrity
Ute Tribal 29-12 Well
EPA Permit ID# UT20736-04523
API # 43-013-31797
Antelope Creek Oil Field
Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

On March 17, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) learned that the Petroglyph Operating Company, Inc. injection well referenced above lost mechanical integrity on March 8, 2015. Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.51(q)(1) (40 C.F.R. § 144.51(q)(1)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

Pursuant to the above-referenced UIC Permit and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 144.51(q)(2), you must immediately cease injection into this well. Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test (MIT). You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, please submit a letter describing what action you intend to take regarding the well, including a time frame in which you anticipate the work to be completed. It is expected that you will return this well to compliance within ninety (90) days of the loss of mechanical integrity.

If you choose to plug and abandon this well, the approved plugging and abandonment plan that is incorporated into the permit must be followed. Any deviation from that plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Failure to comply with the UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 through 148 constitutes one or more violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h. Such non-compliance may subject you to formal enforcement by the EPA, as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Gary Wang at (303) 312-6469. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Gary Wang at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arturo Palomares", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Arturo Palomares, Director
Water Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

cc: Gordon Howell, Chairman, Uintah & Ouray Business Committee
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